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... He did not admit that any mistake had been made; but whether a mistake had been

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then refuse to stand by those who came forward to see these charges through, such as they had had experience of late in regard to a branch of the railway service. They determined to probe these present charges to the bottom. If decisive action should be necessary, they were determined enough to do it. (Applause.) They did not make a threat, and were not anxious to take any

The tramway men of Sydney had as much to bone as Irvine. (Renewed applause.) The ployment of detectives (or pimps) caused conductors to treat all people with suspicion. The motion was carried unanimously, amidst applause.

A continuation meeting will be held at Trades Hall, commencing at 7.30 this morning for the convenience of those who are unable to attend the meeting held last night.

without notice, if he was aware that president of the Tramway Union had summarily dismissed by the Tramway Department. Would he have an independent inquiry made into the circumstances?

Mr. HURLEY interjected, "Serve right."

The PREMIER replied that while the

the Arbitration Court, brought by the Tobacco Operatives' Union, in which a claim was made for fixed wages. The granting of this by the Court would have meant that the firm would have to pay wages which they considered justifiably high for the class of work referred to, and which, they contend, could be performed by women or boys. Owing to

The reason given by the employees struck in the morning for not starting work was that they objected to the women being employed. Those who refused to turn up for work on the morning of the strike vouchsafed no reason.

Fine weather still rules throughout length and breadth of the State, the rainfall registrations during the 24 h ended at 9 o'clock yesterday morning at 4 points at Gabo Island and 3 points Orange. No rainfall was reported yesterday from any district.

would not prove a success. He trusted the Government would provide for the roads and bridges being put in good order before being handed over to the shires, and that they would agree to the main roads being looked upon as national works that need not be maintained by the new bodies. He understood that the Government proposed to place on the roads a vote on the Estimates. Seeing how the roads and bridges had been starved lately a whole year's vote should be given. (Hear, hear.)

"THE HIGH COURT OF PARLIAMENT."

Mr. STOREY said they had heard a good deal lately about the High Court of Parliament, but it would appear they were more in the atmosphere of a police court. (Hear, hear.)

quicker as to settling Crown lands. This land, which was situated in one of the richest districts in New South Wales, should be reserved for the benefit of the Government's closer settlement scheme. It had the effect of making the squatters' land more valuable. He had noticed in the Governor's Speech some reference to an Amended Closer Settlement Act. It did not want amending very much in some respects. There was so many landowners who were not acquainted with a perfect labyrinth of difficulties. The recommendation of Mr. Justice Owen to place the control of the lands under a commission was a splendid one. It was better to have the lands placed under the control of men of integrity.

MR. GRIFFITHS: Have we not a man of integrity in the Minister for Lands now?

He condemned the Government somewhat for its tardiness, but the correspondence showed that there was some reason for it. Whatever reforms came should come speedily. A railway commission of three had not been a failure. Mr. Kirkcaldie should be one of the three Commissioners, and a majority of two should govern. The Municipal Extension

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